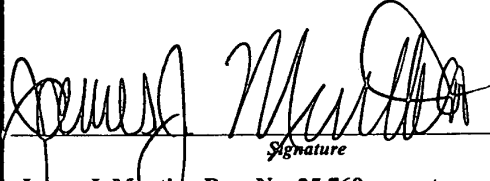





PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)			Docket No. P-4154P1									
In Re Application Of: Marsh et al.												
Serial No. 09/823,199		Filing Date 3/30/01	Examiner Lam	Group Art Unit 3763								
Invention: Variable Extension Combined Spinal/Epidural Needle Set and Method for Its Use												
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>3/27/02</u> above-identified application. Date</p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months</p> <p>from: <u>June 27, 2002</u> until: <u>September 27, 2002</u> Date Date</p> <p>The fee for the extension of time is \$920 and is to be paid as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1666 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1666 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RECEIVED SEP 16 2002 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700</p> <p> _____ Signature</p> <p>James J. Murtha, Reg. No. 35,769 Becton, Dickinson and Company 1 Becton Drive Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417-1880 (201) 847-7160</p> <p>Dated: September 3, 2002</p> <p>09/11/2002 STESSM1 0000042 021666 09823199 01 84117 920.00 0-</p> <p>CC:</p> <table border="1"><tr><td colspan="2">I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>9-3-02</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"> _____ Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Kathleen Monesteri</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</td></tr></table>					I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>9-3-02</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.		 _____ Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence		Kathleen Monesteri		Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence	
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